crore has been released to the State Government in advance for undertaking immediate measures.

(d) and (e) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake necessary meausres in this regard. An allocation 5,000 MTs of foodgrains has been made to the State under Food for Work Programme, with a view to generate additional employment.

Hybrid varieties of grapes and citrus

2136. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the post harvest losses for grapes and citrus in 2000-2001 as compared to the preceding year;

(b) the hybrid varieties of fruits evolved in 2000-2001; and

(c) whether ICAR has taken up any form of research work with Universities/Institutions abroad for development of hybrid variety of fruits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No information is available regarding post harvest losses for grapes and citrus in the year 2000-2001 as compared to the preceding year.

(b) In fruits, only one hybrid "Amlidana" has been evolved in pomegranate during 2000-2001.

(c) No. Sir.

Merger of agricultural schemes

2137. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to merge or prune the existing schemes in Agriculture;

(b) if so, what are the schemes which Government are contemplating of merging or weeding out; and

(c) the reasons for such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) With a view to providing greater flexibility to States, a Macro Management Scheme "Supplementation/complementation of States Efforts through Work Plans", by integrating 27 identified Centrally Sponsored Schemes, has been launched during 2000-01 in all States. List of the 27 Centrally Sonsored Schemes is enclosed as Statement. (*see* below). Central assistance is provided to States on the basis of Work Plans comprising of crop/area specific interventions proposed for the development of Agriculture. Further convergence of Centrally Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes based on Zero Based Budgeting Principles will be made effective in Tenth Plan.

Statement

List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1. Assistance to Coop. Weaker Scction.
2. Assistance to Women Cooperatives.
3. Non-overdue Cover Scheme.
4. Agri. Credit Stabilisation Fund.
5. Special Scheme for SC/ST.
6. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice Based Cropping System Areas.
7. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas.
8. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas.
9. Special Jute Development Programme.
10. Substainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas.
11. Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizer.
12. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization among Small Farmers.
13. Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid and Temperate Zone Fruits.
14. Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds.
15. Development of commercial Floriculture.
16. Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.

17. Development of Roots and Tuber Crops.
18. Development of Cocoa and Cashew.
19. Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.
20. Development of Mushroom.
21. Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
22. Bee-Keeping.
23. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.
24. Scheme for Foundation and Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops.
25. Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.
26. Reclamation and Development of Alkali Soils.
27. State Land Use Boards.

Development of Potato seeds in the North-Eastern Region

2138. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to develop potato seeds in the North-Eastern Region where potato is cultivated on a large scale;

(b) the measures taken to develop the existing Mao Potato Seedling Farm (Manipur); and

(c) the reasons for not taking up measures like that of Simla Potato farms in the North-East farms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Central Government provides Breeder Seed of potato to State Governments in the North Eastern Region for multiplication into foundation, certified/quality seed. The Manipur Government is planning to establish a quality seed production station at Mao for which Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla will provide technical knowhow in a collaborative programme.

(b) The State Government plans to convert a part of the existing Regional Potato Farm, Mao to Breeder Seed Potato Production Farm, under North-Eastern Council Programme.

(c) Topography and climatic conditions, besides the presence of